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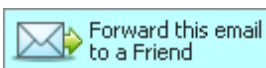
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Jackson Health System COVID Vaccine Expansion

Nearly 85,000 people have been vaccinated against COVID-19 at Jackson Health System (JHS), which represents a substantial portion of all vaccinations across Miami-Dade County. The focus since early January on seniors age 65 and older has led to important progress with that demographic. JHS also began some weeks ago providing shots to younger high-risk patients who are already undergoing care at their facilities. While JHS still have a long way to go, the immediate demand for vaccination appointments has started to slacken.

In order to continue using their entire weekly allotment on a timely basis, they will begin this week providing vaccine appointments for adults in the general public who are age 55 to 64 and who are receiving care for any of 13 high-risk conditions. These patients must bring a signed authorization that includes the doctor's recommendation for vaccination and the specific condition for which the patient is being treated. See the image below, it helps summarize the requirements and process for patients receiving care for the following conditions: Breast cancer, Cardiomyopathy, Congestive heart failure, Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), Coronary artery disease with bypass, Down Syndrome, End-stage renal failure, Leukemia, Lung cancer, Lymphoma, Morbid obesity with body mass index above 40, Sickle cell disease, and Solid organ transplant recipient.

JHS will serve these patients at their three existing vaccinations locations: North Dade Health Center, Jackson South Medical Center, and the Christine E. Lynn Rehabilitation Center. Appointments will be available online beginning Tuesday, February 23rd, for shots on Wednesday, February 24th, and JHS will include this expanded pool of patients in their faith-based and community-organization partnerships the following days.

IN ORDER TO BE VACCINATED, PATIENT MUST:

- Have an appointment.
- Show Florida-issued photo ID or photo ID AND two proofs of Florida residency.
- **65 years or older:** do not need a note from your doctor.
- **55 to 64 years old:** must have one of the conditions listed below.
- Have a note from doctor that includes patient's name, their condition from the list, written recommendation to receive the vaccine, and their doctor's signature - see the example below.

CONDITIONS:

Breast Cancer
Cardiomyopathy
Congestive Heart Failure
COPD
Coronary artery disease with bypass
Down Syndrome
End-stage renal disease
Leukemia
Lung cancer
Lymphoma
Morbid obesity, defined as a body mass index above 40
Sickle cell disease
Solid organ transplant recipient

SAMPLE NOTE:

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- 1 YOUR NAME
- 2 CONDITION FROM LIST
- 3 ORDER FOR VACCINE
- 4 DOCTOR'S SIGNATURE

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I encourage you to contact my office and share your concerns and ideas on how we can improve our community. You can contact my office at (305) 787-5999 or via e-mail at district4@miamidade.gov.

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